

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Relations Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

PBGC's UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on PBGC's Unfunded Pension Liabilities: Will Taxpayers Have To Pay The Bill? Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

HIGH SCHOOL REFORM EFFORTS—NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ROLE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled "The Role of Non-Profit Organizations in State and Local High School Reform Efforts." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-CHINA TRADE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Issues before the U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade." Testimony was heard from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY INITIATIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Patient Safety and Quality Initiatives." Testimony was heard from Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Financial Services Regulatory Relief: The Regulators' Views." Testimony was heard from John M. Reich, Vice-Chairman, FDIC; Donald L. Kohn, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and Richard M. Riccobono, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; JoAnn Johnson, Chair-

man, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT MISSIONS EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Department of Homeland Security's Mission Effectiveness: Is it Enough to Meet the Terrorist Threat?" Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

REGISTERED TRAVELER IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled "The Promise of Registered Traveler." Testimony was heard from Bridgette Goersch, Director of Security, Greater Orlando Airport Authority, Orlando International Airport, Florida; and public witnesses.

HOUSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on the Emergency Preparedness of the House and the Evacuation of May 11, 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House: Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; and James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Terrance Gainer, U.S. Capitol Police; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT; RESOLUTION—MASSACRE AT SREBRENICA

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2601, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007.

The Committee also approved a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measure be placed on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 199, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995.

PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled "Proliferation Security Initiative: An Early Assessment." Testimony was heard from Stephen G. Rademaker, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Arms Control, Department of State.

PATENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2795, Patent Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHILD PROTECTION MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on

the following: H.R. 764, To require the Attorney General to establish a Federal register of cases of child abuse or neglect; H.R. 95, Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Database Act of 2005; H.R. 1355, Child Predator's Act of 2005; H.R. 1505, Jessica Lunsford Act; H.R. 2423, Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act; H.R. 244, Save Our Children: Stop the Violent Predators Against Children DNA Act of 2005; H.R. 2796, DNA Fingerprinting Act of 2005, and H.R. 2797, Aime Zyla Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives Foley, Poe, Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida, and Pomeroy.

OVERSIGHT—CHILD PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on "Protecting our Nation's Children from Sexual Predators and Violent Criminals: What Needs to Be Done?" Testimony was heard from Tracy Henke, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. OLYMPIC OPERATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "The Olympic Family—Functional or Dysfunctional?" Testimony was heard from Jim Scherr, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Olympic Committee; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills: H. R. 562, To authorize the Government of Ukraine to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the victims of the manmade famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932–1933; H.R. 1096, To establish the Thomas Edison National Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Thomas Edison Historic Site; and H.R. 1515, To adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana. Testimony was heard from Representatives Levin, Garrett, Payne and Pascrell; Joseph Lawler, Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

AMTRAK FOOD AND BEVERAGE OPERATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Amtrak Food and Beverage Operations. Testimony was heard from JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; the following officials of

Amtrak: David L. Gunn, President; and Fred E. Weiderhold, Jr., Inspector General; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action H.R. 1220, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005.

FEDERAL FOSTER CARE FINANCING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Federal Foster Care Financing. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Don Winstead, Deputy Secretary, Department of Children and Families, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; Frederick G. Streckewald, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, SSA; Nan Grogan Orrock, Representative, General Assembly, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 14.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

IRAN CRISIS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the human rights situation in Iran and the prospects for a U.S.-European response, after receiving testimony from Goli Ameri, U.S. Public Delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission; Jeff Gedmin, Aspen Institute Berlin, Berlin, Germany; Tom Melia, Freedom House, Washington, D.C.; Manda Zand Ervin, Alliance of Iranian Women; Karim Lahidji, International Federation of Human Rights, France.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3, to

authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue oversight hearings on Reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act, 8:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of June 13 through June 18, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. At 6:30 p.m., Senate will consider S. Res. 39, apologizing to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation, with 3 hours for debate, followed by a vote on adoption of the resolution.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 10 a.m.; following which, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: June 14, to hold hearings to examine the benefits and future developments in agriculture and food biotechnology, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: June 14, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

June 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

June 16, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 14, Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the role of financial markets in social security, 10 a.m., SD-538.

June 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine meeting the housing and service needs of seniors, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: June 15, to hold hearings to examine current financial condition and potential risks relating to solvency of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: June 15, Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine coral reef ballast water, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

June 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Federal legislative solutions to data breach and identity theft, 10 a.m., SR-253.

June 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Alan Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, and Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Transportation Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 14, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 206, to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, S. 556, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, S. 588, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Arizona Trail as a national scenic trail or a national historic trail, and S. 955, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: June 15, to hold hearings to examine strategies for strengthening Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-628.